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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 7B4537, submitted by Japan Vilene Co., Ltd., to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of 2-propenoic acid, polymer with 2-ethyl-2-(((1-oxo-2-propenyl)oxy)methyl)-1,3-propanediyl di-2-propenoate and sodium 2-propenoate for use as a fluid absorbent in food-contact materials.

The Environmental Impact Team, Division of Product Manufacture and Use, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment prepared using the format described in 21 *CFR* 25.31a(a).

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